

**Update \_2\_0\_307**

Clinical Reminders

TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN REMINDER

Install Guide

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# Introduction

This update contains the following:

1. There is a new reminder definition and dialog VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE (print name Toxic Exposure Screen)

Description:

As required by the Honoring our PACT Act (Public Law 117-168), VA is

required to incorporate a screening to help determine potential toxic

exposures during active service for all enrolled Veterans.

This screening will occur at least once every 5 years, and if an exposure

is reported, the patient will be offered additional resources.

Possible exposures include:

Burn Pits/Airborne Hazards

Gulf War related exposures

Agent Orange

Radiation

Camp Lejeune contaminated water exposure

Other environmental exposures

If the patient declines or answers that they don’t know, the reminder will be due in 1 year.

1. There is a new reminder and definition VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING FOLLOW-UP (print name Toxic Exposure Screening Follow-Up)

Description:

As Required by the Honoring our PACT Act (Public Law 117-168) VA is

following up on any potential toxic exposures during active service to determine if the veteran has related health concerns.

This reminder will be due on

1. Veterans that indicate they have a possible toxic exposure during their initial screening.

2. Veterans that indicate they DONT KNOW if they have a possible toxic exposure AND they have a Health/Medical, Benefits/Claims, VA Healthcare Enrollment and Eligibility, OR Registry Question during their initial screening.

The follow up reminder will resolve when a response is entered regarding health concerns.

It should be completed by a Primary Care Provider/TES navigator provider.

1. The reminder definition and reminder dialog VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN (print name Iraq&Afghan Post-Deployment Screen ) will be inactivated. This reminder is no longer required for use.
2. The existing reminder definition and reminder dialog VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING (print name Screen for Embedded Fragments ) were updated.

Description:

Patients that have a service separation date after 09/11 should be screened for embedded fragments one time if they have not previously been screened. If the Veteran has a new service separation date later than the previous screening, it will come due again.

The VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING reminder will be due on patients that would have had the VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN reminder due.

Make sure the existing VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING (print name Screen for Embedded Fragments) is assigned at the same cover sheet level you have/had the VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN assigned.

No content changes were made to the VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING questions

UPDATE\_2\_0\_307 contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

UPDATE\_2\_0\_307 TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN REMINDER

**The exchange file contains the following components:**

**REMINDER GENERAL FINDINGS**

VIEW PROGRESS NOTE TEXT

**TIU TEMPLATE FIELD**

VA-TOXIC CONTACT

VA-ENV EXP OTHER

VA-TOX EXP VSO

VA-WORD

VA-ENV EXP SYMP RA

VA-ENV EXP SYMP GW2

VA-ENV EXP SYMP GW

VA-ENV EXP SYMP CL

VA-ENV EXP SYMP AH

VA-ENV EXP SYMP AO

VA\*I/A QM CLINICAL GUIDELINES

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EF CONTACT INFO

VA-EF HANDOUT

VA-EF LINK

**HEALTH FACTORS**

VA-REMINDER UPDATES [C]

VA-UPDATE\_2\_0\_307

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN [C]

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP MED QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP REGISTRY QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP VA ENROLL QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP BENEFIT QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP NO QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN DOESNT KNOW

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN DECLINED

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP NO CONNECTIONS GIVEN

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP CONSULT TO SOCIAL WORK

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP CONSULT TO TES NAVIGATOR

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP CONSULT TO REGISTRY PROGRAM

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP CONNECTED WITH VSO

VA-TOX EXP SCRN FOLLOW UP CONNECTED WITH VBA

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP NO MED CONCERNS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP MED CONCERNS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED OTHER

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN OTHER EXPOSURE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED RADIATION

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN RADIATION EXPOSURE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED GULF WAR

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN GULF WAR EXPOSURE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED CL

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN CAMP LEJEUNE EXPOSURE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED AHBP

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN AIRBORNE HAZARD BURN PIT

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN EDUCATION PROVIDED AO

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN AGENT ORANGE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN NONE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN TOXIC EXP PRESUMP COND QUESTIONS

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN [C]

OEF/OIF SCREEN COMPLETED OUTSIDE

MENTAL HEALTH [C]

SEVERE CHRONIC COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

UNABLE TO SCREEN - ACUTE ILLNESS

REFUSED ID & OTHER SX SCREEN

SKIN LESION SCREEN NEGATIVE

SKIN LESION SCREEN POSITIVE

NO EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS

EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS [C]

EF-NO BLAST/EXPLOSION INJURY

EF-CONTACT EMAIL

EF-CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

EF-CONTACT NAME

EF-UNKNOWN IF FRAGMENTS IN BODY

EF-NO FRAGMENTS IN BODY

EF-FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH

EF-UNKNOWN IF FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH

EF-NO FRAGMENTS ON RADIOGRAPH

EF-FRAGMENTS IN BODY

EF-UNKNOWN IF REMOVED IN SURGERY

EF-FRAGMENTS NOT REMOVED IN SURGERY

EF-FRAGMENTS SENT TO LAB

EF-UNKNOWN IF SENT TO LAB

EF-FRAGMENTS NOT SENT TO LAB

EF-FRAGMENTS REMOVED IN SURGERY

EF-BLAST SOURCE OTHER

EF-BLAST SOURCE UNKNOWN

EF-FRIENDLY FIRE

EF-ENEMY FIRE

EF-GRENADE

EF-LAND MINE

EF-RPG

EF-IED

EF-NOT IN VEHICLE

EF-IN VEHICLE

EF-BLAST/EXPLOSION INJURY

EF-NO BULLET INJURY

EF-BULLET INJURY

EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS PRESENT

GI SYMPTOMS SCREEN NEGATIVE

GI SYMPTOMS SCREEN POSITIVE

UNEXPLAINED FEVERS SCREEN NEGATIVE

UNEXPLAINED FEVERS SCREEN POSITIVE

SYRIA SERVICE

UZBEKISTAN SERVICE

TAJIKISTAN SERVICE

PHILIPPINES SERVICE

PAKISTAN SERVICE

KYRGYZSTAN SERVICE

GEORGIA SERVICE

AFGHANISTAN SERVICE

OTHER SERVICE LOCATION

TURKEY SERVICE

SAUDI ARABIA SERVICE

KUWAIT SERVICE

IRAQ SERVICE

NO IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE

IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE

OTHER PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS SCREEN NEGATIVE

OTHER PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS SCREEN POSITIVE

**REMINDER SPONSOR**

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

NATIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE COUNCIL

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

OFFICE OF QUALITY & PERFORMANCE

VA TOXIC EMBEDDED FRAGMENT SURVEILLANCE CENTER

OFFICE OF PATIENT CARE SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE STRATEGIC GROUP

**REMINDER TAXONOMY**

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE

**REMINDER TERM**

VA-REMINDER UPDATE\_2\_0\_307

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE

VA-USER CLASS FOR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

VA-PERSISTENT RASH (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

VA-BL OEF/OIF SKIN SX

VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

VA-BL OEF/OIF EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS

VA-GI SYMPTOMS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

VA-BL OEF/OIF GI SX

VA-UNEXPLAINED FEVER (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

VA-BL OEF/OIF FEVER

VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE REGISTRATION

VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE

VA-OTHER SYMPTOMS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

VA-OEF/OIF SCREEN DONE ELSEWHERE

VA-COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

VA-REFUSED ID & OTHER SX SCREEN

VA-ACTIVE DUTY

VA-COMBAT VET

VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN PERIOD OF SERVICE

VA-IRAQ/AFGHAN SERVICE NO

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN QUESTIONS

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN DECLINED TO ANSWER

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN CONCERN NONE

VA-TOX EXP SCRN VETERAN CONCERN DOESNT KNOW

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE FOLLOW UP

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN RESOLUTION

**REMINDER DEFINITION**

VA-BL OEF/OIF SKIN SX

VA-BL OEF/OIF EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS

VA-BL OEF/OIF GI SX

VA-BL OEF/OIF FEVER

VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING FOLLOW-UP

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE

VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREEN

**HEALTH SUMMARY TYPE:**

VA-TOXIC EXP QUESTIONS

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE

**HEALTH SUMMARY OBJECTS**

VA-TOXIC EXP QUESTIONS (TIU)

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE (TIU)

**TIU DOCUMENT DEFINITION:**

**REMINDER DIALOG**

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE

VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING PROVIDER FOLLOW UP

VA-IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN POST DEPLOYMENT SCREEN

VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING

# Install Details

This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is: https://REDACTED /UPDATE\_2\_0\_307.PRD

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required.

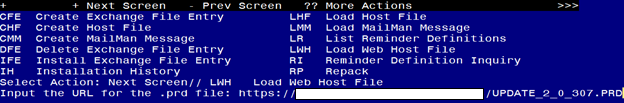
Installation:

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This update can be loaded with users on the system. Installation will take less than 10 minutes.

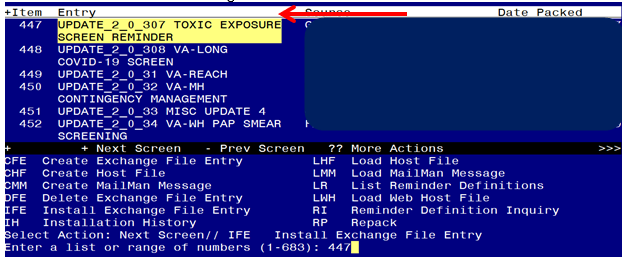
# Install Example

To Load the exchange file, use LWH. The URL is https://REDACTED /UPDATE\_2\_0\_307.PRD

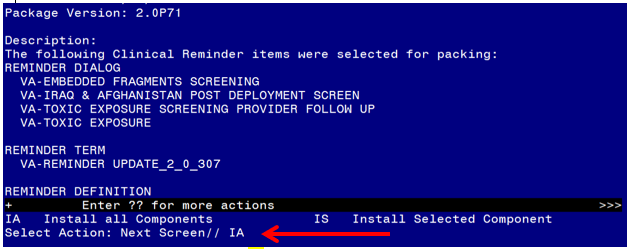
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You should see a message that the file was loaded successfully.

Terminal window screen shot of the message displaying the URL of the file that was successfully loaded.  Part of the URL has been redacted as it is a VA only internal web site URL.

Search and locate an entry titled UPDATE\_2\_0\_307 TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN REMINDER in reminder exchange. 

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry

Enter the number that corresponds with your entry titled UPDATE\_2\_0\_307 TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN REMINDER *(in this example it is entry 447, it will vary by site)* that is dated 10/14/2022. 

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for **Install all Components** and hit enter.

**For all new entries in any category you will choose I to Install**

OVERWRITE any TIU TEMPLATE FIELDS that you are prompted to overwrite

OVERWRITE any HEALTH FACTORS if you are prompted to overwrite

SKIP any REMINDER SPONSORS if you are prompted to overwrite

SKIP any REMINDER TERMS that you are prompted to overwrite with one exception, you will overwrite the reminder term VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)

REMINDER TERM entry named VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)already exists but the packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

C Create a new entry by copying to a new name

M Merge findings

O Overwrite the current entry

U Update

Q Quit the install

S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: O// verwrite the current entry

Are you sure you want to overwrite? N// YES

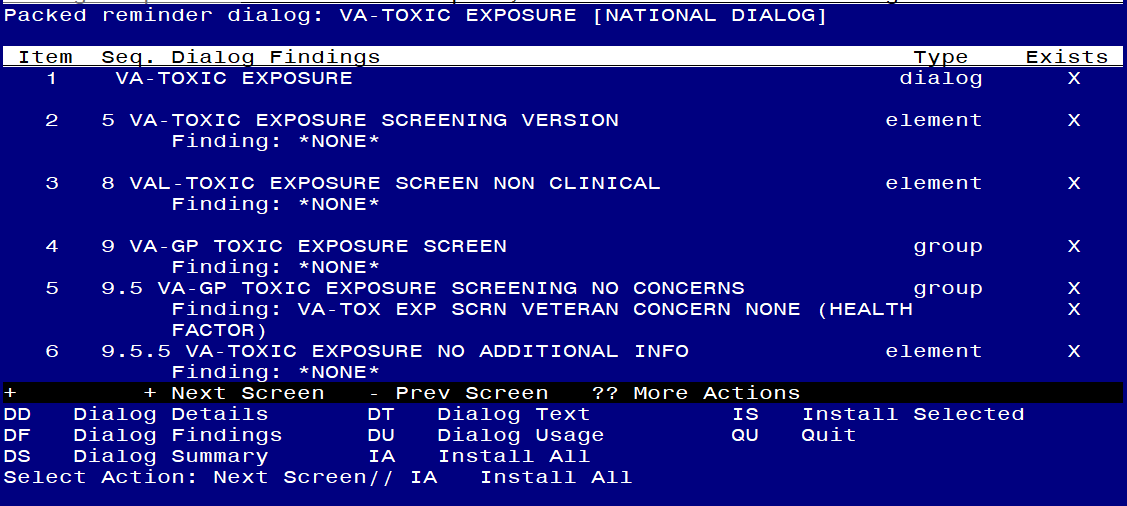
FOR THE TEST SITES, ALSO OVERWRITE THIS TERM: VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN RESOLUTION

OVERWRITE any REMINDER DEFINITIONS that you are prompted to overwrite.

SKIP any HEALTH SUMMARY TYPE entries if you are prompted to overwrite

SKIP any HEALTH SUMMARY OBJECTS entries if you are prompted to overwrite

SKIP any TIU DOCUMENT DEFINITION entries if you are prompted to overwriteYou will then be prompted to install the first Dialog component.



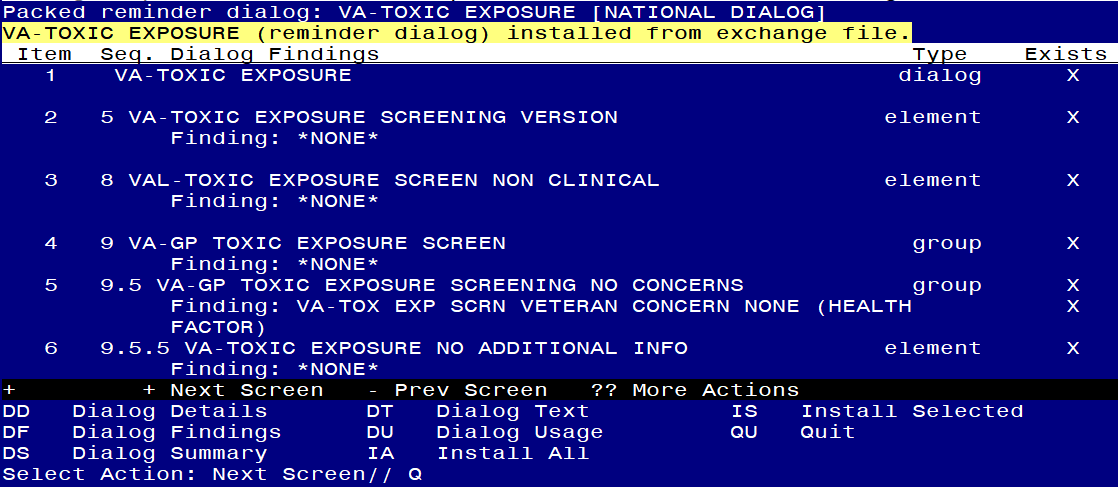
At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE**

**Hit enter when prompted to link to the definition:**

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// ES....

Reminder Dialog VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREEN is not linked to a reminder.

Select Reminder to Link: VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE// **HIT ENTER AT THIS PROMPT**



When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q.**

You will then be prompted to install the next Dialog component.

Regarding the VA-TOXIC EXPODURE SCREENING PROVIDER FOLLOW UP: 
 Screen shot of the terminal window showing a list of elements, groups and dialogs with the text with IA for "Install All" entered at the "Select Action:" Prompt.  The correct entry is described in the text.

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING PROVIDER FOLLOW UP**

**Hit enter when prompted to link to the definition:**

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// ES....

Reminder Dialog VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING FOLLOW UP is not linked to a reminder.

Select Reminder to Link: VA-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING FOLLOW-UP// **HIT ENTER AT THIS PROMPT**

Regarding the VA-TOXIC EXPODURE SCREENING PROVIDER FOLLOW UP:
Screen shot of the last of the list of elements, groups and dialogs that needed to be installed with a Q for quit entered at the "Select Action:" prompt because they now all exist.  

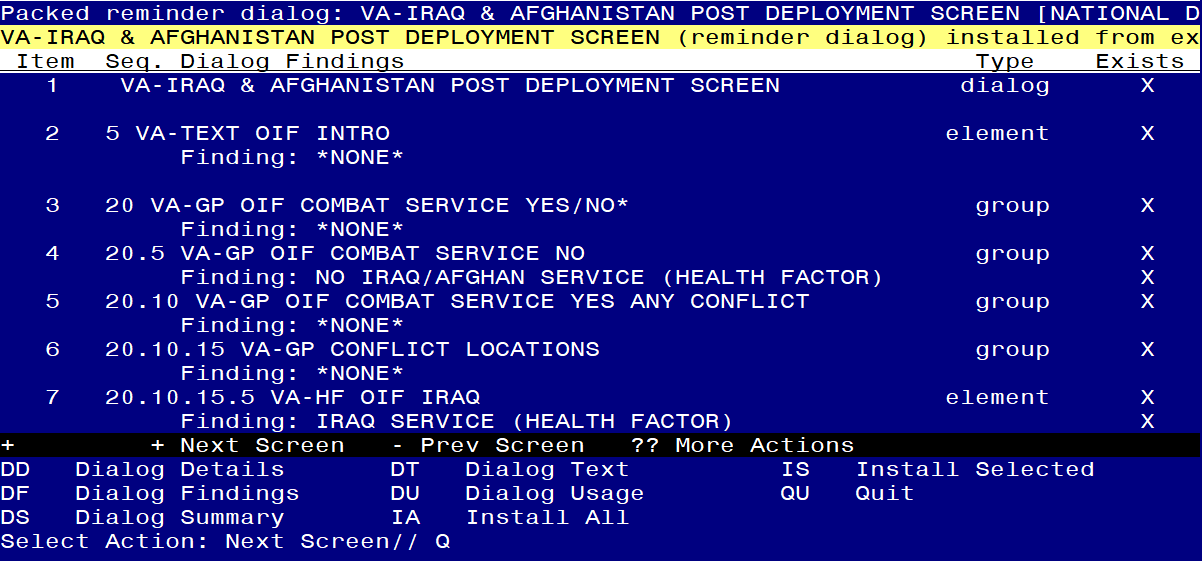
When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q.**

You will then be prompted to install the next Dialog component.



At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN POST DEPLOYMENT SCREEN**

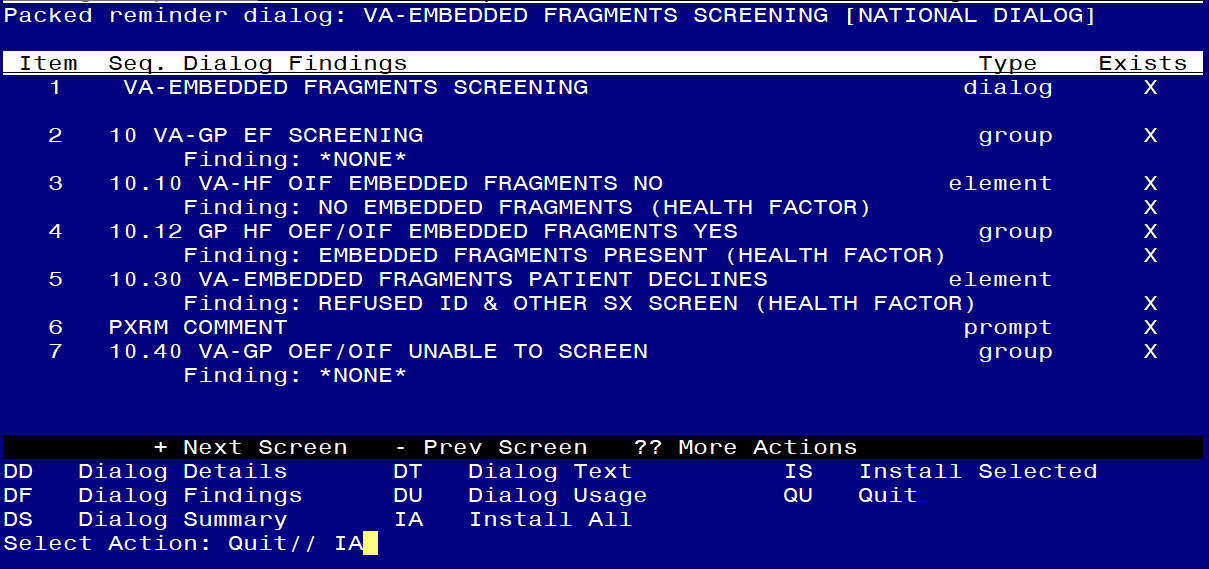
Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// ES....



This dialog will take a few minutes to install.

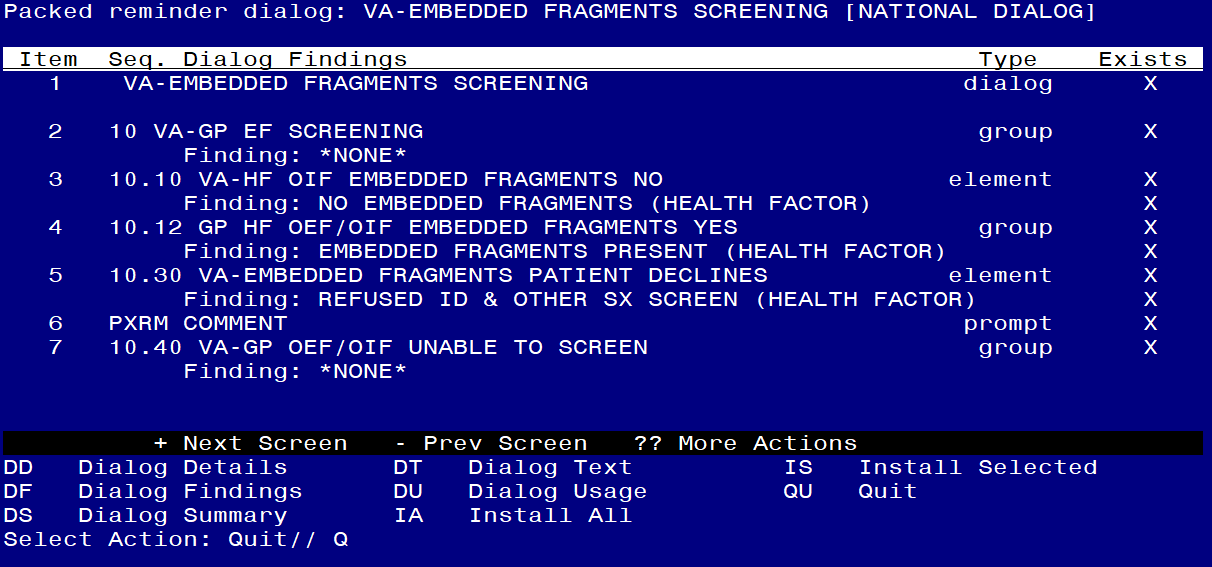
When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q.**

You will then be prompted to install the next Dialog component.

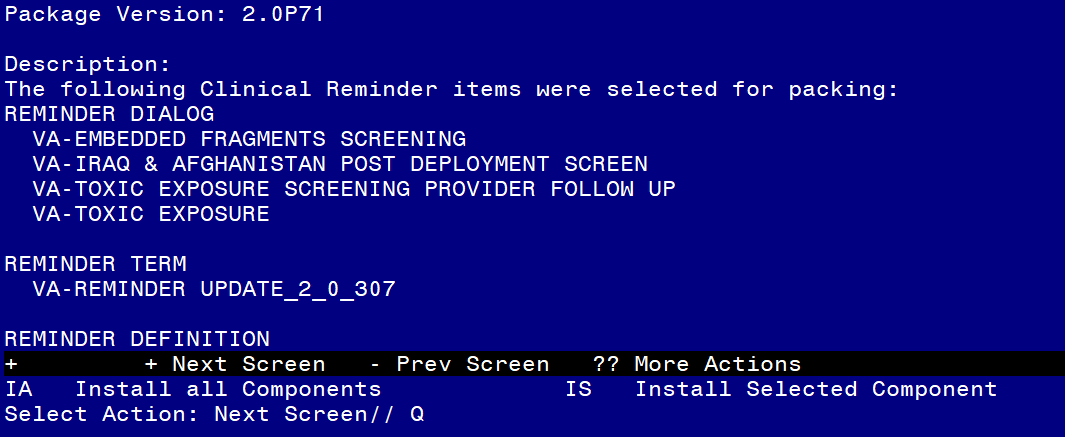


At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING**

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// ES....



When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q.**



You will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q.**

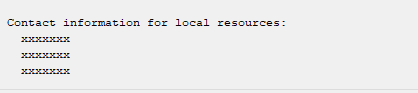
Install complete.

# Post Installation

1. **Add local contact information to the reminder dialog element VAL-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING LOCAL CONTACT INFO.** Facilities are responsible for providing contact information for local resources that align(s) with the items below. One Point of Contact (POC) may cover more than 1 topic (or all); or each facility may have a different POC for each question. At a minimum, recommend including Position title (i.e. PACT Act Coordinator, Social Worker, Environmental Health Coordinator, etc.) and telephone #.

Screen shot showing the example resources for questions which include:
Health/Medical Questions
Benefits/Claims Questions
VA Healthcare Enrollment and   Eligibility Questions
Registry Questions
Veteran/caregiver does not have questions at this time.

You will be updating this section of the dialog to add contact information:



In Vista, using the menu, Reminder Dialog Management, Reminder Dialogs, change your view to Element view. Search for and find the element VAL-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING LOCAL CONTACT INFO. Edit the DIALOG/PROGRESS NOTE TEXT and replace the lines with “xxxxxxx” with the local contacts identified for the four items above and which areas they will answer questions for.

Example:

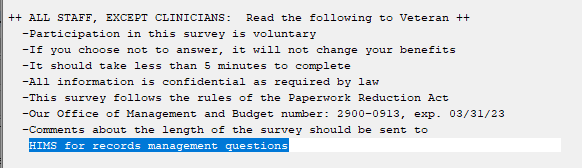
Benefits/Claim Questions: Role/Title, xxx-xxx-xxxx

VA Healthcare Enrollment: Role/Title, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Registry: Role/Title, xxx-xxx-xxxx

This information should be available in the template before you turn this reminder on.

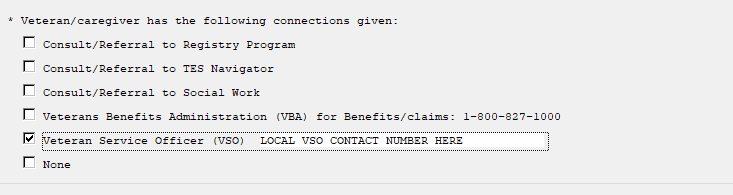
1. Update local record management information. In the paperwork reduction statement that is required to be read by nonclinical staff, there is a section for who to contact with comments about the length of the survey. The text is defaulted to “HIMS for records management questions”:



This information is in the template field named VA-TOXIC CONTACT and can be changed locally by using the template field editor in CPRS.

It does not appear in the CPRS progress note.

1. Update local Veteran Service Officer (VSO) contact information. In the follow up reminder, there is a field for Veteran Service Officer, the text is defaulted now to “LOCAL VSO CONTACT NUMBER HERE”:



This information is in the template field named VA-TOX EXP VSO and can be changed locally by using the template field editor in CPRS.

It does appear in the CPRS progress note when that option is chosen in the template

1. Add consult/referrals to follow up reminder.

The following elements can be used to place consult orders if your facility has a consult service for that item.

VAL-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING REGISTRY EXAM CONSULT – represents a Consult/Referral to Registry Program

VAL-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING REGISTRY EXAM TES NAV – represents a Consult/Referral to TES Navigator

VAL-TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING REGISTRY EXAM SOCIAL WORK – represents a Consult/Referral to Social Work

To add a quick order, in Vista, using the menu, Reminder Dialog Management, Reminder Dialogs, change your view to Element view. Search for and find the appropriate element and add your quick order as an Additional Finding – DO NOT CHANGE OR REMOVE THE HEALTH FACTOR IN THE FINDING FIELD.

1. **Add the two new reminders to the cover sheet at the appropriate level –** You will use the Add Cover Sheet Reminder option in CPRS.

The new reminders should be added to your facility cover sheet reminder list **on or after Nov 7, 2022. You should not begin screening prior to this date.**

The print names are:

1. Toxic Exposure Screen
2. Toxic Exposure Screening Follow-Up
3. Confirm the reminder VA-EMBEDDED FRAGMENTS SCREENING (print name Screen for Embedded Fragments ) is assigned to the cover sheet for any users that were responsible for completing the VA-IRAQ & AFGHAN POST-DEPLOY SCREEN reminder. This reminder was already existing and may already be assigned. The content of the reminder has not changed.